LEWIS GILBERT.

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REPORT:

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The following is a copy of said certificate:

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JOSIAH KEITH, Captain.
DAVID KEITH, Lieutenant."

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